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MEMORANDUM FOR:

SUBJECT: Sixth Fleet Warning Study

1. The Director, Net Assessment, Office of the Secretary of Defense, requested the Joint Staff to undertake an assessment of the warning time that might be available to the Sixth Fleet. This assessment is reportedly the result of a conversation between the Secretary of Defense and the Commander, Sixth Fleet, during the Secretary's visit to the Mediterranean area.

2. Studies, Analysis, and Gaming Agency (SAGA) has been tasked by OJCS to conduct the study. The major questions to be addressed are as follows.

a. How much advanced warning will the Sixth Fleet have of a Soviet attack against it?

b. How will this warning be supplied to the Sixth Fleet?

c. How will the Intelligence Community contribute to that warning, and through what channels will it be received?

3. Reportedly, there will be two scenarios: a compressed Soviet build-up in four days, and a protracted build-up of 30 to 35 days.

4. On the surface, this study appears to encompass some data currently being used in our National Tactical Study; however, we were not included even as an observer.

5. Attached are copies of the briefing aids used by SAGA in its first meeting, the JCS message to USCINCHUR, Terms of Reference, proposed study outline, and a list of attendees.

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All of this data was obtained during one of my liaison visits to the Pentagon.



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Captain, U.S. Navy  
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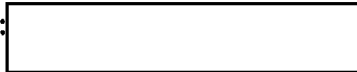
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**6TH FLEET**  
**WARNING STUDY**

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## MAJOR QUESTIONS

- HOW MUCH ADVANCE WARNING WILL THE 6TH FLEET HAVE OF A SOVIET ATTACK AGAINST IT?
- HOW WILL THIS WARNING BE SUPPLIED TO THE 6TH FLEET?
- HOW WILL THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTE TO THAT WARNING AND THROUGH WHAT CHANNELS WILL IT BE RECEIVED?

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## SCOPE OF THE STUDY

- DEVELOPMENT OF CREDIBLE SCENARIOS.
- IDENTIFICATION OF INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS WITH RESPECT TO THE 6TH FLEET.
- IDENTIFICATION OF THE CHANNELS FOR EXAMINATION, EVALUATION, PROCESSING, AND DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION TO THE 6TH FLEET.
- DESCRIPTION OF THE 6TH FLEET REACTIONS PRIOR TO THE TIME OF A SOVIET ATTACK.

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- WARNING IS CONSTRUED AS THE AVAILABILITY OF ANY INFORMATION THAT INDICATES AN INCREASE IN THE READINESS POSTURE OF SOVIET FORCES THAT COULD BE BROUGHT TO BEAR AGAINST THE 6TH FLEET.
- THE DATA FOR THIS STUDY WILL BE AS OF 1 MARCH 1975.
- POST D-DAY COMBAT INTERACTIONS WILL NOT BE EXAMINED.

DISAGREEMENT ON A MAJOR ISSUE.

- THE 6TH FLEET FORCES WILL NOT EXECUTE A PREEMPTIVE ATTACK.
- THE SOVIETS WILL PREPARE FOR AN ATTACK EMPHASIZING CONVENTIONAL FORCES.
- STRATEGIC AND TACTICAL NUCLEAR FORCES WILL BE AT A STATE OF FULL READINESS

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TASK	ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE
• INITIAL TASKING MESSAGE TO USCINCEUR	3 APR 1975
• INPUTS FROM INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY TO SAGA	9 APR 1975
• INTEGRATED INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY INPUTS TO USCINCEUR TO ASSIST IN PREPARATION OF RESPONSE	14 APR 1975
• COORDINATION VISIT TO EUCOM/NAVEUR/6TH FLEET	28 APR-2 MAY 1975
• EUCOM/NAVEUR/6TH FLEET INPUT	14 MAY 1975
• STUDY TO DIRECTOR, J-5	30 JUN 1975

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## SCHEDULE

TASK	RESPONSIBILITY	ESTIMATED COMPLETION
• SEND INITIAL MESSAGE TO CINCEUR	SAGA	3 APRIL
• ADJUST SCENARIOS	DIA	1 APRIL
• ESTIMATE TIME TO DETECT EVENT	DIA (NSA, CIA, OTHERS)	9 APRIL
• ESTIMATE CONFIDENCE IN DETECTION	DIA (NSA, CIA, OTHERS)	9 APRIL
• IDENTIFY INTELLIGENCE CHANNELS TO 6TH FLEET.	DIA (NSA, CIA, OTHERS)	9 APRIL
• ESTIMATE TIME FOR 6TH FLEET TO RECEIVE INFORMATION	DIA (NSA, CIA, OTHERS)	9 APRIL
• ESTIMATE PERIOD WHERE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY WOULD RECOMMEND SOVIETS ARE PLANNING AN ATTACK	DIA (NSA, CIA, OTHERS)	9 APRIL
• DESCRIBE US NAVAL ORGANIZATION/ MISSIONS/DOCTRINE IN THE MEDITER- RANEAN	NAVY (CINCEUR)	30 APRIL

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## SCHEDULE

TICK	RESPONSIBILITY	ESTIMATED COMPLETION
• DESCRIBE SOVIET ORGANIZATION/ OBJECTIVES/DOCTRINE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN	DIA	30 APRIL
• DESCRIBE NAVAL/6TH FLEET INTELLI- GENCE CAPABILITIES	NAVY (CINCEUR)	14 MAY
• SEND INTEGRATED INTELLIGENCE INPUTS TO 6TH FLEET	DIA	14 APRIL
• COORDINATION VISIT TO CINCEUR	SAGA/DIA	28 APR-2 MAY
• DESCRIBE 6TH FLEET REACTIONS TO WARNING	CINCEUR	14 MAY
• INTEGRATE ALL INPUTS	SAGA/DIA	1 JUNE
• WRITE STUDY	SAGA	30 JUNE
• PROCESS STUDY	J-5	JULY

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## PURPOSED STUDY OUTLINE

- I. INTRODUCTION
- II. THE 6TH FLEET
- III. SOVIET FORCES
- IV. SCENARIOS
- V. WARNING OF SOVIET ATTACK
  - A. GENERAL
  - B. INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY
  - C. 6TH FLEET ORGANIC INTELLIGENCE
  - D. 6TH FLEET REACTIONS PRIOR TO SOVIET ATTACK

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